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FROM USDEL FOR IO/UNP DAN KURTZER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, UN, SENV, PARN

SUBJ: UN CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION: DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE

REF: (A) STATE 212449, (B) NAIROBI 11433, (C) STATE 212424,
(D) USMISSION NATO 8302, (E) STATE 202426

1. WEOG MEETING THIS MORNING REVEALED STRONG OBJECTIONS
TO OPEN-ENDED LANGUAGE IN CAPE VERDE DRAFT RESOLUTION.
FRENCH SAID THEIR RESERVATIONS WERE PARTICULARLY SERIOUS,
BUT IN INTEREST OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN WEOG
AND G-77 OVER THIS ISSUE, PROPOSED THAT SMALL WORKING
GROUP MEET TO REVISE CAPE VERDE TEXT.

2. WEOG WORKING GROUP CONSISTING OF AUSTRALIA, FRANCE,
UK AND CANADA THEN MET, WITH US DELEGATE ATTENDING
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MEETING FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. USDEL REITERATED
ITS INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTELS (A) AND (C) AND
SAID IT LOOKED FORWARD NEVERTHELESS TO SEEING WORKING
GROUP TEXTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION AND SEPARATE STATEMENT
ENVISAGED TO REFLECT VIEWS OF QUOTE CERTAIN WEOG MEMBERS
CONCERNING...CAPE VERDE RESOLUTION...END QUOTE.

3. WORKING GROUP TEXTS WERE AVAILABLE FOR SUBSEQUENT FULL WEOG MEETING EARLY THIS AFTERNOON. BOTH TEXTS ARE SUBMITTED SEPTEL. WEOG REACHED CONSENSUS TO PASS THESE TEXTS INFORMALLY TO ALL OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS. US DELEGATE INTERVENED TO SAY USDEL WOULD NOT WISH OTHER GROUPS TO GAIN IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE IN A POSITION TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH EITHER WEOG DRAFT.

4. G-77 IN MORNING MEETING APPOINTED WORKING GROUP TO REVISE CAPE VERDE DRAFT. WEOG MEMBERS HAVE NOT YET SEEN TEXT OF THIS SECOND REVISION, BUT UNDERSTAND IT REPRESENTS ONLY TWO OR THREE MINOR CHANGES. SOVIETS AVOIDED USDEL MOST OF DAY. US DELEGATE FINALLY MANAGED, AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF EFFORT, TO SEE ONE SOVIET DELEGATE MID-AFTERNOON TODAY AND FOUND HIM AMBIVALENT. SOVIETS CLAIM THEY DO NOT RPT NOT LIKE LANGUAGE OF CAPE VERDE TEXT, BUT ARE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH IT.

5. COMMENT: USDEL UNDERSTANDS COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES CAPE VERDE PROPOSAL RAISES FOR USG AND, IN ABSENCE OF DEPARTMENT'S EXPLANATION OF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IT PERCEIVES IN CAPE VERDE TEXT, HAS NOT RPT NOT PARTICIPATED IN WEOG EFFORTS TO OBTAIN IMPROVED TEXT. NEVERTHELESS, IN SPITE OF STRONG RESERVATIONS OF SOME WEOG MEMBERS, WHICH ARE COMPATIBLE WITH OUR OWN GENERAL MISGIVINGS ABOUT CAPE VERDE DRAFT RESOLUTION, WEOG NOW HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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ALTERNATIVE TEXT WHICH IT IS WILLING TO CIRCULATE INFORMALLY (PARA 3). USDEL REQUESTS DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER ITS INSTRUCTIONS IN LIGHT OF WEOG DRAFT RESOLUTION (SEPTEL). WE BELIEVE WEOG DRAFT IS COMPATIBLE WITH OUR POSITION, ALTHOUGH IT IS PREMATURE TO SUPPOSE WEOG MIGHT PERSUADE OTHER GROUPS, PARTICULARLY THE AFRICANS, TO ACCEPT THIS DRAFT. IF USDEL IS NOT PERMITTED TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH WEOG DRAFT RESOLUTION, DURING PRESENT INFORMAL TALKS WITH OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS, IT WOULD HOPE TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ALLOWING IT TO JOIN IN WEOG DRAFT STATEMENT (SAME SEPTEL). USDEL REQUESTS RECEIPT DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.
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